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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An optical filter that is provided at an optical path between a photoelectric conversion device which converts a  
5 subject image formed at a light-receiving surface thereof to an electrical signal and an optical system which forms the subject image with a light flux from the subject at the photoelectric conversion device, to filter the light flux, includes a stage formed at, at least, a portion of  
10 an external circumference of the optical filter.